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SUBJECT: NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 21-23.

SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BELGIAN- HOSTED NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING (MAY 21-23). BELGIAN MINISTER OF SCIENCE POLICY HANIN EXPRESSED CONTINUED STRONG BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM. RANDERS GAVE BRIEF ACCOUNTING OF HIS FIVE YEARS AS CHIEF NATO SCIENCE OFFICIAL AND INTRODUCED HIS SUCCESSOR, OZDAS. COMMITTEE ACCEPTED ALL REPORTS ON AGENDA WITH LITTLE CHANGES. END SUMMARY.

1. AGENDA ITEMS - SCIENCE COMMITTEE APPROVED OR NOTED AS APPROPRIATE, ALL OF THE REPORTS ON THE AGENDA WITH ONLY MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN SOME CASES. ON THE PROPOSED 1974 SCIENCE BUDGET, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE (ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, TURKEY AND UK) INDICATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR NATO SCIENCE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND, AS A RESULT, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RANDERS AGREED TO REQUEST INCREASE IN FUNDS FOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR 1974 PROPORTIONATE TO PROPOSED TOTAL NATO SCIENCE BUDGET INCREASE (APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT). RANDERS REMINDED COMMITTEE THAT AT NEXT MEETING IN OCTOBER, UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL OF THE NATO SCIENCE SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS WOULD PRESENT ORAL REPORTS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS FOR THESE PANELS AND FOR POSSIBLE NEW ACTIVITIES.

2. DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING SEMINAR - RANDERS BRIEFED SCIENCE COMMITTEE ON PRESENT STATUS OF HIS PROPOSAL TO HOLD NATO-SPONSORED DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING SEMINAR USING NATO SCIENCE FUNDING BUT ORGANIZED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE. HE NOTED THAT NAC HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE MATTER AND ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED REPORT ON PROPOSED SEMINAR. ACCORDINGLY, RANDERS HOPED INTERESTED EXPERTS FROM ALLIED COUNTRIES WOULD HELP HIM PREPARE SUCH A REPORT OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. INCLUDED IN SUCH A REPORT, HE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE INDICATION OF EFFORTS GOING ON PRESENTLY IN EACH OF THE ALLIED COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF DUAL CIVILIAN- MILITARY USE OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL. IN CONCLUSION, HE ASKED MEMBERS OF THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE NAMES OF POSSIBLE NATIONAL EXPERTS. IN RESPONSE, THE U. S. REP (NIERENBERG) INDICATED THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE U. S. INDIVIDUALS: CAREY, HAFSTAD AND MORSE (AS NOTED STATE 94381 AND 96005). NO NAMES WERE ADVANCED BY OTHER SCIENCE COMMITTEE REPS.

3. OTHER ITEMS

(A) BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM:
WITH BELGIUM ACTING AS HOST FOR MEETING, BELGIAN MINISTER FOR SCIENCE POLICY HANIN ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF ORGANIZATION OF SCIENCE POLICY IN BELGIUM. HANIN PRAISED THE WORK OF NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE, STRESSING THAT IT WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE POLICY IN BELGIUM. HE NOTED THAT A GREAT NUMBER OF BELGIAN SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCH WORKERS HAVE BENEFITED ESPECIALLY FROM THE NATO ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTE PROGRAM.

(B) VALEDICTORY REMARKS BY RANDERS: RANDERS INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE WOULD DEPART HIS NATO POST IN SEPTEMBER AND GAVE BRIEF RESUME OF HIS FIVE YEARS IN LEADING NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM, HIGHLIGHTING CERTAIN TRENDS THAT HE HAD OBSERVED DURING THAT PERIOD. HE STATED THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT A MAJORITY OF ALLIED COUNTRIES PREFERRED THAT NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM STAY UNCLASSIFIED

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PRIMARILY INVOLVED IN PURE AND THEORETICAL SCIENCE RATHER THAN IN THE FIELDS OF APPLIED SCIENCE DESPITE THE DESIRE IN SOME QUARTERS TO HAVE THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM BECOME MORE " RELEVANT" AND INVOLVED IN DEFENSE- RELATED WORK. RANDERS NOTED THAT SUPPORT FROM ALLIED GOVERNMENTS FOR THE FUNDING OF THE NATO SCIENCE PROGRAM (ABOUT 25 PERCENT OF THE NATO CIVIL BUDGET) CONTINUED TO BE SATISFACTORY AND HE SAW NO PROSPECTS OF EITHER GREAT INCREASES OR GREAT CUTS IN THE PROGRAM IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

(C) INTRODUCTION OF RANDER' S SUCCESSOR: RANDER' S SUCCESSOR DR. M. N. OZDAS (TURKEY) WAS WELCOMED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE U. S. REP (AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE 94381) EXPRESSED

THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR OZDAS TO VISIT THE
UNITED STATES AT AN EARLY DATE.

4. DATE OF NEXT SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 1-2
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